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Dr. John A. Marquis,
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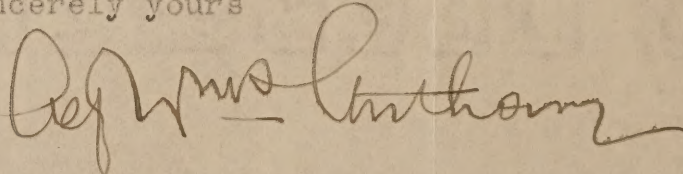
Dear Dr. Marquis, -

I know that you are in Alaska, and that this will not reach you now. But it will be on file for you, and will inform you that I have received your letter of July 24th, written on board the U.S.R.C. Bear, and I have put the matter of re-opening the station at Cape Prince of Wales before the Congregationalists, with all the facts which you report, and hope they will be able to dispatch the suitable man immediately.

With all good wishes, and anticipating much information a help from your reports on your return,

I am

Sincerely yours



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February 17, 1920

Dr. J. A. Marquis,

Building.

My dear Dr. Marquis: -

A letter has just come from the American Missionary Association indicating that the Executive Committee of the Association does not find itself in a position to take on more work in Alaska as was suggested at the last meeting of the Central Alaska Committee and the Association is also ready to turn over its work at Cape Prince of Wales to some other agency. I am not forgetful of the suggestion which you made to me personally about your Board assuming charge at Cape Prince of Wales. Presumably this is a matter that should come before the projected meeting of the Alaska Committee. I see no reason why the Committee should not be agreeable to your Board having charge of that work.

Very sincerely yours,

Associate Secretary

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GENERAL SECRETARY

February 18, 1920.

Rev. Rodney Roundy,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Roundy:

Your letter relative to Alaska
and the Mission at Cape Prince of Wales, here-
tofore under the American Missionary Association,
is just at hand.

I am writing to say that our
Board is ready to take over the work of this
Mission and send a man there next summer. It
will fit in with our other stations among the
Eskimos very favorably.

Very sincerely yours.

JAMES

MAY 8 1920

The American Missionary Association

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May 27, 1920.

Dr. John A. Marquis,
Board of Home Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,
156 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Dr. Marquis:

The matter presented in the enclosed has, I am sure, come to your attention. I hand you herewith copies of a sufficient number of letters to show you the course which the correspondence has taken.

Is there any reason why the matter should not have definitive attention now? If the Presbyterian Board is to take over the work, you will naturally wish to make proper provision during the next few weeks before the shipping from Seattle closes.

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. McAfee

M-W.

Enclosures.

C O P Y

Wales, Alaska,

February 12, 1920.

American Missionary Association,
Madison Square Station,
New York, New York.

Dear Sirs:-

In behalf of the natives of Wales, Alaska, I am urging that you send up a medical missionary next year.

Two years ago the natives sent a petition asking for a missionary. They enclosed a list of articles necessary to send up here for the missionary. We can duplicate that list if you have not kept it on record.

The mission house is in bad condition. It is built on the side of a steep hill. The shifting of ground has caused it to sink two feet on one side. The furniture is molded and decayed, the wall paper is falling off in huge, discolored strips. Last year during the epidemic of influenza, everything usable was stripped from the house and given to the stricken Eskimos. Out of a village of 350 people, 180 were victims of the influenza. They all died within six weeks. You can imagine the utter terror and panic of these people when their families were wiped out like that.

There are about 38 orphans in the village, adopted by various families. They do not always receive the best of care, for it is hard to eke out a living up here, and a man provides for his own family first, and then gives what is left over to the orphans. There is a crowded orphanage at Nome, and a home for children at Teller that these children could be sent to if absolutely necessary. The people of Wales desire that these children grow up in the village, so we are trying to keep them here if possible. A missionary up here would greatly aid in looking after these orphans.

The government provides a good school for the children. Mr. Tait and I are the government teachers up here. We do all we can for the natives, but the medical work is our biggest problem. If a doctor had been here during the epidemic, many lives would have been saved. We have an average of three calls a day for medical help. They freeze their feet, sometimes dislocate a bone in falling on the ice, five babies are expected this spring, there is an epidemic of running ears and sore eyes, and the usual ailments of stomach ache, headache, or toothache. You can see how helpful a physician would be.

We have held services in the schoolhouse all winter. The mission was without coal, and as it is against the law to use government coal in any but government buildings, we made use of our school. There is no church literature whatever. We have had calls from the reindeer herders for new testaments, but were unable to supply them. The children would more than appreciate colored Sunday school cards and simple Sunday school papers. They read everything they can get hold of, and it seems to me that they could have nothing better than Sunday school papers. Mr. Tait and I would appreciate some charts, lesson outlines, and books that would help us present the bible stories and teaching to them in the proper way. We have only about eighteen hymn books, sent up by the Methodist Orphanage in Nome. As there are over 150 people in Wales, the supply is not adequate.

*Dr. Dixon
has
attended
to this
& Par.
Bd is sending
supplies -*

C O P Y

We had a pleasant christmas celebration. The children were very happy over the gifts sent up by various churches. I wrote to each church that sent boxes, describing our entertainment and thanking them for their contributions.

Jesse Kayosuk is the leader in the services. Arthur Nagozruk is the interpreter and organist. They do their best for the church in trying to keep up an interest in the meetings, and teaching the people how to live by being good examples. The last missionary that was up here, Dr. Thompson, was most unfortunate for the natives. They need the leadership of a clean-minded wholesome missionary to offset his evil effects. I am not making these remarks from personal experience with Dr. Thompson, but merely from reports of his actions up here. I may be doing him an injustice, for I realize there are always two sides to a story.

If you can help the Wale people, please do so. They are worthy of religious leadership and medical help. Mr. Tait and I will do all we can to co-operate with the missionary. Kindly consider the matter, and let us know your decision.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Peggy Cress Tait
(Mrs. F. R.)

C O P Y

February 14, 1920.

Rev. A. W. Anthony, D.D.
Home Missions Council,
156 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Dr. Anthony:

The Executive Committee of the American Missionary Association has instructed its officers to communicate to the Home Missions Council the desire of the Association to transfer the work it is now conducting in Alaska to some other missionary agency which may be in a position more efficiently and economically to conduct it. The officers are instructed after entering into negotiations on this basis to report their findings with recommendations to the Executive Committee.

The work under consideration is located at Cape Prince of Wales. It ministers to the native population, and in former years a physician and his wife have been maintained upon the field. The physician was ordained. For the last two years, the work has been in charge of natives.

A more detailed statement will be supplied as it may be desired.

Will you suggest some order of procedure? Shall representatives of the American Missionary Association enter into conference with you alone, or shall some committee of the Home Missions Council be called into conference at this time?

Very sincerely yours,

McAfee

C O P Y

May 4, 1920.

Rev. A. W. Anthony, D.D.
Home Missions Council,
156 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Dr. Anthony:

Is there any further report to be made on the proposal of the American Missionary Association relative to the Alaska work it has been supporting? The Executive Committee has taken action authorizing the transfer of the work to some other agency qualified to do it, and the matter has been laid before the Home Missions Council. Can you make a definite statement which will enable the Executive Committee to take the necessary action to effect a transfer?

The Superintendent of Education in Alaska, Mr. Lopp, has written stating that in his judgment the work should be turned over to the Methodists. I have never been in that immediate region, and have no personal judgment.

It appears that the A.M.A. holds no title to property, and doubtless the federal government will be prepared to recognize any agency approved by the Home Missions Council for the conduct of this work.

Very sincerely yours,

McAfee

C O P Y

May 5, 1920.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee:-

Your favor of the 4th inst. is received. It appears that I have further responsibility in promoting the exchange of work at Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska by the American Missionary Association to the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. This exchange was agreed upon and approved at the meeting of the Committee on Alaska held February 24, 1920. As Dr. Frank L. Moore was present at the meeting and presided I had in a way assumed that the matter was in progress satisfactorily.

On a separate sheet I enclose a copy of the minutes of that meeting as they relate to this subject. At the same time I am writing Dr. J.A. Marquis, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, U.S.A., requesting him and you to meet and make the proper transfers. Kindly take this as a request to cooperate with Dr. Marquis. The initiative in appointing a conference for the purpose of completing the exchange may rest with either you or him. Perhaps it would be better to rest with you inasmuch as he is in poor health and is greatly overburdened. Then also since the transfer is to be made by you to him it would seem appropriate for you to take the initiative. I am sending a copy of this letter to him as I am enclosing to you a copy of my letter to him.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Alfred Williams Anthony.

Executive Secretary

C O P Y

May 12, 1920.

Dr. Alfred W. Anthony,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Anthony:

At its meeting yesterday, the Executive Committee of the A.M.A. directed its administrative officers to complete the transfer of the work it has supported at Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska, in accordance with the action of the Home Missions Council.

In yours of May 5th you suggest that the initiative for a conference with the Presbyterian Board relative to the matter should rest with either that Board or with the A.M.A. There seems nothing further to do except to make the transfer and a conference will doubtless, not be necessary. Have you intimation as to whether the Presbyterian Board is ready to take over the responsibility?

Very sincerely yours,

McAfee

C O P Y

May 19, 1920.

Doctor Ernest McAfee,
American Missionary Society,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor McAfee:

I enclose herewith letter from our teacher at Wales, which I think will be of interest to the Association.

The letter received from you regarding the status of your property at Wales was referred to Doctor Hamilton on my departure from Washington. As I recall, you desired some information regarding your title to the land which your buildings at Wales occupy. It is my understanding that there has never been a special Government survey made of the Wales village and that you have "squatter's rights" to the land which your buildings occupy. Therefore, when you transfer these buildings, you transfer the squatter's rights with them to the Presbyterian Mission Board. When the survey of the village is made, a proper amount of land needed in connection with these mission buildings will no doubt be given to the society who operates them.

When I wrote you in April, suggesting that the Methodist Society operating a mission at Nome was the logical denomination to take over your mission and property, I had had no information to the effect that you had been negotiating with the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. Personally, I have absolutely no preference in the matter; therefore I trust I was not misunderstood when I suggested the transfer to the Methodist Society if they were willing to take it.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM T. LOFF,

Chief of Alaska Division.

June 2, 1920.

Mr. Joseph Ernest McAfee,
The American Missionary Association,
287 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee:-

Your letter of May the twenty-seventh addressed to Dr. Marquis was received by him just before he started for the West. He asked me to acknowledge its receipt and to say to you that the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions is entirely willing to take up the work at Cape Prince of Wales which the American Missionary Association has been conducting. We will provide a physician and will do what we can to see to it that when he goes this summer he will have with him a sufficient supply of drugs. You may possibly remember some correspondence several years ago with Dr. H. W. Greist of Wyoming. He has been ordained recently and it has been decided to send him to serve both as minister and as physician. Later if funds are secured by us we would build a small hospital there.

Trusting that this announcement may meet the situation as outlined in your letter, I am, with heartiest good wishes,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

C O P Y

SUBJECT: Relation of Methodist
Church to the work at
Wales.

Seattle, September 16, 1920.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Marquis:

Mrs. D. B. Street, the Kenesaw, Washington, D. C. Secretary of Deaconess and Hospital Work, of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and also a member of the Inter-Church Committee, Mrs. J. H. Parsons, 3507 Sixth Avenue, Tacoma, Washington, National Bureau Secretary for Alaska, of the same society, and Reverend J. T. McQueen, Juneau, Alaska, Superintendent of Methodist Missions for Alaska, were fellow passengers with me from Nome, having come down the Yukon River from Skagway, in the interests of their work.

They have called my attention, and as I understand it, in an official and formal way, to the apparent violation of the new allocation agreement between denominations in Alaska in the establishment of our work at Wales. They contend that Wales is in the section allotted to them, and that they had expected to survey that field this Summer with a view to making overtures to the Congregational Society for the acquisition of that work, and the taking over of the property. They expressed surprise that the Presbyterian Board has taken over the field without any reference to the recent comity agreement and without consideration by the Inter-Church Committee.

I believe that in the interest of efficient administration their contention is right. They could care for Wales in connection with their important orphanage work at Nome to good advantage. Apparently also the Seward Peninsula is clearly their field. In consultation with Mrs. Street, I called attention to the fact that in our judgment the only adequate provision for Wales is along the line of Medical Missionary work, requiring a Minister, who is also a Doctor. This would seem to put the administration under the Men's Board, rather than the Woman's Organization.

It would seem that the matter is one for consideration at the Inter-Church Council, and I would suggest that it be so taken up. If it is deemed advisable to transfer this work to the Methodist Society, it might be advisable to do so on condition that they continue the work, according to present plans, as well as assume the expenditures which we have made. It is just possible also, that they would be glad to avail themselves of the services of Dr. Greist in this new arrangement, and that he would be willing to continue in charge under such adjustment. Should this adjustment be made it would open the way for taking up the work at Wainwright in our own territory, and also make more advisable the re-opening of our St. Lawrence Island field.

This matter should be considered and decided as soon as possible, in order to open the way early for the above extension of our activities.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) JAMES H. CONDIT,

General Missionary.

File Cape Prince of Wales

CLASPER'S DEPT.

Seattle, Washington,
September 17th, 1920.

GENERAL STATEMENT

1920 Expenditures in establishment of the Wales Mission,
Wales, Alaska.

- (1) Advance by Mr. Banks travel expense
Dr. Greist

✓✓ \$500.00

- (2) Drafts drawn by General Missionary:

July 6 - In favor Seattle National Bank	✓	1500.00	✓
" 10 " " Stewart & Holmes Co.		283.08	✓
" 10 " " Seattle Hardware Company		373.13	✓
" 12 " " Fischer Bros.		856.58	✓
" " " " " "		41.94	✓
" 13 " " Stewart & Holmes		46.80	✓
			\$3601.53

- (3) Deduct:

Charged to Dr. Greist's salary account

751.19 ✓

Balance on hand

63.96

815.15

Total Expenditures to Date -----

\$2786.38

To this account is to be added the bill for shingles heretofore referred to and also the bill for coal ordered by Mr. Gould with freight on same from Seattle to Wales. This will come directly to your office.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Ford
General Missionary.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S. A.HEADQUARTERS
NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORKTERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D.D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

October 14, 1920

Rev. J.A. Marquis, D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Your letter of the 1st inst. is before me.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter just written to Rev. J.T. McQueen in the Wales matter. Should the Methodist people wish to take over the mission there I presume that they will open correspondence relative thereto.

By separate package I am sending copies of some photographs taken this summer with descriptive titles. Whatever is useful to the Board is at your disposal.

Regarding Dr. Greist I am of the same opinion that you are, viz, that if he makes good at Wales it is better to allow him to remain. But I am fearful that his first wife will see to it that his past history is advertised at Wales. It also remains to be seen how he gets along with the natives and teachers. He certainly does write a good letter and the same would have more effect on me if I had not been with him this summer. He does not make a favorable impression by association.

The search for a suitable young doctor for Barrow should be pursued with great earnestness. It is a great opportunity for a consecrated man and our need is great.

Regarding the Congregational property at Wales it would be impossible for me to give a fixed present valuation. The only building of any present value is the church edifice which is in practically as good condition as when built. The old manse up on the hill is ready to fall down because the foundations are so badly rotted. Dr. Greist has torn out the interior partitions for use in rebuilding the old store building now converted into a residence. The only value in the old manse is in the salvage. The store building was constructed, so I am told, many years ago by Dr. Jackson and the crew of the Bear. Its present value, especially before Dr. Greist rebuilt it, is very little, say a few hundred dollars. At the time that the church building was erected I should judge that such an edifice could have been erected in the states for from \$1500 to \$2000 but of course the freight charges to Wales would materially increase the cost there.

I do not know whether it has been called to your attention or not but I was told this summer that the Congregational Society had recently disposed of their reindeer herd at Wales for a tidy sum, reputed to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. This would represent a clear gain and in the light of this the Board of that church ought to be liberal with the Presbyterians.

Regarding the suggested change in my relations to the Alaska work I am writing separately.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

Copy

October 14, 1920

Rev. J.T. McQueen,
Supt. Methodist Missions,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Brother McQueen:

You will remember that while on the Victoria we had some conversation regarding the Cape Prince of Wales mission the especial discussion having to do with the entrance of the Presbyterian Church upon that work when apparently it is included in the territory assigned to the Methodist Church.

Upon my return to my office here I took the matter up with Dr. John A. Marquis, 156 5th Avenue, New York, our General Secretary, and have just received the following from him:-

"We did not take Cape Prince of Wales over from the Congregational church. The Congregationalists notified the Home Missions Council, which is the interdenominational body on Home Missions, that they were no longer able to carry on the work at Wales and asked that some organization be found to do it. The secretary of the Home Missions Council submitted it to his executive committee, of which the secretary of the Methodist Board is a member, and that committee voted unanimously to ask our Board to do it, which we, after some hesitation, agreed to do. This is the first point to be kept in mind.

Second: When I returned from Alaska I presented the old allocation of territory to the various denominations with some changes, which were unanimously approved. In this allocation of denominational responsibility I stated exactly the facts in regard to Wales, saying to the interdenominational body that if the Congregationalists could not continue to work there some other body ought to be found to do it. The Congregationalists in the course of time notified the Council that they could not do it and the Council, with the vote of the Methodist brethren present, asked our Board to do it. Will you please make this clear to Mr. McQueen.

Having done this I am ready to take up quite sympathetically the turning over of the work at Wales to the Methodists, although our Board's plans in accepting this work was to have four stations among the Eskimos and five men to manage them, which would leave one of them in this country on furlough every fifth year. The stations I had thought of were Nuvik Island and Mushagak region, St. Lawrence Island, Wales and Barrow. This would give us a chain of stations among the Eskimos and enable us to manage them with some sort of articulation."

October 14, 1920

This opens the way for negotiations with the Methodist Board looking toward the transfer of the Wales Mission to your body and I am sure that Dr. Marquis will be glad to hear from your Secretary regarding the matter should it be the desire of the Methodist Board to assume responsibility for the Wales Mission.

Cordially yours

James H. Condit
General Missionary.

Copies to

Mrs. D.B. Street,
The Kenesaw,
Washington, D.C.
Mrs. J.H. Parsons,
3507 6th Ave.,
Tacoma, Washington.
Dr. J.A. Marquis,
156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

Wales
October 29, 1920.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

Dr. Marquis handed to me, as Executive Secretary of the Alaskan Committee of the Home Missions Council, your letter of September 16th on the subject, "Relation of Methodist Church to the work at Wales".

I am enclosing my report on this subject to the Alaskan Committee of the Home Missions Council, which is to meet next Thursday, November 10th.

This will give you all the information I have at present on the subject and I will send you the action of the Council when it meets.

We have just received a telegram from Mr. Nickerson saying that he starts for Cordova next week, at which we all rejoice.

Very cordially,

27 Marguerite
October 29, 1920.

FOR THE HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL

Concerning the relation of the Presbyterians and Methodists
to the work at Prince of Wales.

A letter from Dr. James H. Condit, Presbyterian General Missionary for Alaska, dated at Seattle September 16th, contains the following:

"Mrs. D.B. Street, the Kenesaw, Washington, D.C. Secretary of Deaconess and Hospital Work, of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, and also a member of the Inter-Church Committee, Mrs. J.H. Parsons, 3507 Sixth Avenue, Tacoma, Washington, National Bureau Secretary for Alaska, of the same society, and Reverend J.T. McQueen, Juneau, Alaska, Superintendent of Methodist Missions for Alaska, were fellow passengers with me from Nome, having come down the Yukon River from Skagway, in the interests of their work.

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In answer to the above letter I have to express surprise at the misinformation, or lack of information, received by the Methodist Board concerning the action of the Home Missions Council a year ago. At the meeting of the Alaskan Committee of the Home Missions Council November 17, 1919, when representatives of nearly all the Evangelical denominations were present, it fell to my lot to outline the map containing the redistribution of the natives of Alaska to the different denominations.

I followed the general outlines of the plan adopted by the Conference in Baltimore in 1883, when various denominations undertook to evangelize certain sections of Alaska. I made such changes as were made necessary by movements of different Evangelical bodies into Alaska since that time. My report was embodied in Dr. Marquis' report, he being prevented from attendance at the meeting by illness.

Concerning Seward Peninsula, no claim was made by the Methodists as to all of the natives of Seward Peninsula. As shown by the map published by the New Era Magazine of November, 1919, the Methodists' area included only the Southern Coast of the Island from Tissue River on the West to Topkok on the East. This would include Sinuk, Nome and the Solomon River country. That part East of this comprising ⁴Galiofin Bay and the Norton Sound region, with the Mission at Unalaklick, was occupied by the Swedish Episcopal Church. The region West of Sinuk, including Teller and the shores of Grantley Harbor and Port Clarence were left in charge of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, which

has a large Mission and orphanage at Teller Reindeer Station. The Prince of Wales country from York around the Cape up as far as Cape Espenberg on Kotzebue Sound was recognized as belonging to the Congregationalists. The Kotzebue country including Deering, Kilwalik and the Kobuck River, with Cape Blossom were left in the charge of the Friends Society.

At the Meeting nothing was said about turning over the Congregational Mission to any other society, or about extending the work of the Methodists to include all of the Seward Peninsula.

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Later on/the Winter a conference was held between the Presbyterian Board and the Congregational Board, at which a proposal was made to transfer the Congregational work to the Presbyterians on the consideration that the Congregationalists had been unable to find a Missionary physician able and willing to take up that work, while the Presbyterians had one ready. Nothing was said to the Presbyterian Board by the Congregationalists as to any proposition having been made by the Methodists looking towards the assumption of that work. Dr. Condit's letter is the first intimation that the Presbyterian Board has had that the Methodists were considering Cape Prince of Wales at all.

Therefore, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Parsons and Mr. McQueen are mistaken, First,-- as to any action of the Home Missions Council assigning to the Methodists the Field of Cape Prince of Wales; and--Second,--as to any violation of any allocation agreement between the denominations on the part of the Presbyterians in taking the Prince of Wales work; and--Third,--as to the Council having assigned Seward Peninsula to the Methodists as their Field.

As to the Expediency of the Presbyterians handing over Prince of Wales to the Methodists, I would make the following points:--

1st - The Methodists' work at Nome and Sinitk is separated ^{from Wales.} by more than a hundred miles of territory occupied by the Norwegian Lutheran Church.

2nd - Cape Prince of Wales is nearer to the Presbyterian Mission at St. Lawrence Island than it is to the Methodist Mission.

3rd - The Presbyterians have already gone to large expense in taking over the Congregational Mission and establishing Dr. Greist at Wales. It is preparing for a large additional expenditure in erecting a hospital at Wales. It would compel ^{considerable} action and difficult readjustment to make this further change.

4th - The Presbyterian Mission at Wales is a good connecting link between St. Lawrence Island and the Presbyterian region Southwest of it, and our Mission at Pt. Barrow. I doubt whether the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions would even consider the transfer of this newly occupied Mission to the Methodists.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Hall Young

Executive Secretary,
Alaska Committee,
Home Missions Council.

July 25, 1921.

Rev. W. R. Coventry,
Wapello, Iowa.

Dear Brother

It has been intimated to us that Dr. Ray Shoppard Wycoff, with office in the G. A. R. Building, your town, might be a possibility for our mission at Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska.

It would be necessary for him to take charge of both the religious and medical work. If he has little chill ran, he ought not go. There is a house provided for him but is in not good repair. Cape Prince of Wales is near the Arctic Circle and the winters are very severe. The man who goes there must have heroic stuff in him and realize that he is on his own resource exclusively. The whole place is frozen up by the first of November and communication with the outside world is shut off.

I need say nothing to you in regard to the spiritual qualifications necessary in a missionary. He must be thoroughly consecrated and ready to endure any privations and hardships for the Master's sake. The compensation is \$2,000 per year, plus a house referred to above, and fuel, together with transportation to the field for the man and his family and if he remains four years, transportation back again and a year of rest in this country at the expense of the Board.

I should like to have your confidential judgment of Dr. Wycoff for such a position. I understand he is a member of the Methodist Church, but it makes no difference what church he belongs to so long as he has the right consecration and spirit.

If he is to go up this year, it will be necessary for him to leave Seattle within the next four weeks.

Very sincerely yours

J. A. H.

Dec. 21, 1921

CAPE PRINCE OF WALES

Salary - Doctor or Missionary (1 year)	\$2,000.-
" Interpreter do	100.-
Coal (30 tons)	\$1500.-
Cedar Shingles	76.40
Coal Oil	72.45
Gasoline	58.75
Hand cart & Wheel barrow . .	73.48
Freight, Lighterage, storage of coal, etc. . .	678.88
Household expenses, wood, freight, table oilcloth . .	90.20
Labor, Lumber & freight . . .	184.33
My meals, quarterlies, etc. . .	39.36
Surgical Supplies	<u>133.-</u>
	<u>2,908.85</u>
	\$5,088.85

According to information now on hand in the Treasurer's office the foregoing is a list of the requirements for Cape Prince of Wales Mission, as represented by payments made April 1st to date and the salaries of needed workers for one year.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

FROM Mr. Banks
TO Dr. Marquis
RE: Barrow and Wales Missions

DATE December 27th, 1921.

Attached you will find copies of statements handed to Mr. Eastman for his forthcoming literature on the above two Missions.

You will note what the Barrow Mission has cost this year to date. There will, undoubtedly, be other expenses incurred concerning which we have no idea as to the amount. For illustration, in a letter from Dr. Greist to Dr. Condit a report was made concerning the necessity for finishing the ice house attached to the hospital for which additional lumber was purchased from the stores. We do not know what that bill will amount to. Then again, there are freight bills coming in from time to time so that I should judge that the budget for 1922-23 should provide \$20,000, the major item of which will be \$13,500, estimated for coal, covering the years supply and for the extra supply not paid for during the current year the cost of which will need to be met on April 1st.

May 10, 1922.

Mr. Arthur Nagozruk,
Cape Prince of Wales,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Nagozruk:

I am very glad to have your letter of December 7th. We have been trying hard to get a Christian doctor to go to your village this summer to carry forward the work Dr. Greist laid down a year ago. So far we have not been able to secure any one of the right type. We will keep after it, however, until we find a good man.

There will be no need to forward any further supplies until we find a doctor. When we do we will then take steps to provide him with a manse and also with some hospital equipment.

We are looking to you to take care of the supplies that are already there until they are needed.

It greatly rejoices us to know that you are looking after the church so well. I am sorry the school teachers sent by the Bureau of Education are not more in sympathy with you, but I trust that this can be remedied at the end of the year.

Praying God's blessing on you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES

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ALASKA NATIVE SCHOOL, MEDICAL, AND REINDEER SERVICE

STATION Wales, Alaska.

July 18th., 19 22

The Presbyterian Mission Board.
New York
N.Y. City.

Gentlemen.

I found the door of the Manse open on July 16th, I did not know but probably some one had broken in, I wrote a note to Mr Nagazrok asking him if he had been in there, and left the door of the Manse open. He answered me by saying he was in charge of the Mission property, and did not want me making any inquiries into his business.

I am forwarding you a carbon copy of the answer I send him back. For your consideration.

Sincerely.

J. P. Killeen,

Local Supt.

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Wales. July 17th. 1922.

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Arthur Nagazrouk.

I am very sorry that I did not know sooner that the Missionary Board had you in charge of their property at Wales. I would surely acquaint them of the character of a man they had in charge of their property. A man that it is his ambition to seduce the young girls of the village, and make prostitutes of them.

I am sure if they knew that, they would have a man of character to attend to their business.

T.P. Killeen

Local Supt.

P.S.

I put a new lock in the front door. I will take no more interest in the place.

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Wales, Alaska.

Sept. 7, 1922

Dr. John A. Marguis.

Gen. Sec. Pres. Dane Missions.

New York.

Dear Dr. Marguis. -

We were established here at Wales last month, by the Bureau of Education. We find there is no missionary doctor here. - Mrs. Nylin is a nurse, and is looking after the sick. We both teach in the school.

The natives want Sunday services in their church, and we have held 11 o'clock services every Sunday morning since we came; I in the pulpit - Mrs. Nylin at the organ. Mrs. Nylin is a trained singer and pianist - and is holding a singing class for the natives one evening a week.

The natives want Sabbath School for their children, and Sunday evening service. I am fully equipped to handle the religious services, having studied for the ministry in Sweden. My father was pastor of a large congregation in Sweden.

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I we carry out the wishes of the natives, and hold Sunday services, as mentioned, would you grant no compensation for our work? We would appreciate it in the form of food. The natives here are sadly in need of food supplies, and they come to us to help them. Their co-operative store went to the wall over a year ago, and they have only what they can bring on their sleds, by dogs, many miles, during the winter - or purchase at an exorbitant price from a passing boat occasionally during navigation season. — One little woman here, who has a sick husband, had no food last week — not even reindeer meat: no hares and no squirrels she trapped from day to day, — and three hungry children to feed, under twelve years of age.

May we hear from you, please.

Yours respectfully,

S. H. Thyer,
per Mrs. S. H.

P.S.

Enclosed please find copy of
orders of service we carry out here in mission church.

Wales, Alaska, Pres. Mission,

Sunday, August 27, 1922.

Organ Prelude.

The Catechism.

The Lord's prayer - (in mission.)

Hymn, - 480.

Psalm, 23. (in mission.)

Prayer.

Hymn, 164.

Reading of lesson: John 6 - 1st to 14.

Vocal solo - "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" - Mrs. Nye.

Sermon. - Mr. Nye.

Prayer.

Hymn, 315.

The Benediction.

May 2, 1923.

Mr. Arthur Nagozruk,
Cape Prince of Wales,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Nagozruk:

I have received a copy of the action of the Village Council, which I regret very much. It tells the story of your conduct with native girls, and it is such that we, with great regret, must ask you to turn over to Mr. Nylin the care of the mission property, and any management of the church affairs which you have heretofore conducted.

I remember you very distinctly when I was at Wales the summer of 1919, and it is a personal sorrow to me that you have fallen into sin. Let me urge you to go to God in sincere repentance and to confess your sin before the authorities of your church, and above all, try to live worthy of a Christian hereafter.

Sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

May 2, 1923.

Village Council,
Cape Prince of Wales,
Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

I appreciate your forwarding to me the action of your Council relative to Arthur Nagozruk. I regret exceedingly that his conduct has been what you state it to be, and I sincerely hope that he may yet be brought to a right way of living.

I am writing him to turn over the care of the church property to Mr. Eric H. Nylin, and am also writing Mr. Nylin asking him if he will kindly look after it until we are able to send a missionary, which we will probably, though not certainly, be able to do this summer.

With every good wish to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

May 2, 1923.

Mr. Eric H. Nylin,
Cape Prince of Wales,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Nylin:

I thank you for your letter with reference to the church situation at Wales. I am exceedingly sorry that Arthur Nagozruk has fallen again and has so discredited himself with his own people, as well as with those outside. I am writing today to him asking him to turn over his care of the mission property to you.

It is probable that we will have a missionary and his wife there this summer, although I cannot yet be certain of that. If you will be good enough to look over things until he comes we shall indeed be very grateful.

May I ask you also to hand the enclosed to the Village Council, whose communication in regard to the same subject has just been received?

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES

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Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska,
Aug. 11-23.

Dr. John H. Marquis,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:-

One of our natives here in
Wales, Sam Tunookoot, desires to purchase
the house belonging to the mission in the north
end of the village. He wishes to pay for the house
in reindeer, - 4 female and 5 male deer. Deer
are his only possession. The cabin is not worth
anything to the mission - the lumber in the building
is badly rotted - window frames and doors are
missing altogether - the dogs have been housed
in it for two winters - and floors covered with
dog dung & mould. The sale of it would help to make
some badly needed repairs to mission house
here. We shall have to put a new roof on one - but the
mission residence immediately, as it leaks so
rain simply pours in. - I gave Sam H. permission
to use mission cabin he wishes to say. Until we hear
from you, as he has no place to go. He says he can fix

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up the cabin and make it livable, with
help from me in some material.
Your prompt reply would be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Erk H. Thelin.

August 14, 1923.

Mrs. Christensen,
York, near Cape Prince of Wales,
Alaska.

My dear Mrs. Christensen:

Our mutual friend, Dr. H. W. Greist, has sent me your letter to him in regard to the situation of our church at Cape Prince of Wales. We have been trying hard for two years to get a Christian physician to take Dr. Greist's place, but so far without avail. We have made arrangement with Mr. Lopp to have the school-teacher there look after the church and the people as best he can for this winter, and we think we are on the track of a man, a good physician, who can take both the religious and medical work by the summer of 1924. We are arranging that the school teacher there for this year shall look after the church and do what he can to care for the religious welfare of the people.

I want to thank you in the name of our Board for your interest in those poor people and for what you have done for them. Dr. Greist speaks in the highest terms of your service, and I want you to know that we deeply appreciate it. I should be glad if you would get in touch with the school teacher and any counsel that you may be able to give him in caring for the natives will be greatly appreciated by him and by us.

Thanking you again and praying for God's blessing upon you and your family and upon the influence that you have so helpfully exerted in that part of Alaska, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

August 16, 1923.

Mr. Erik H. Nylin,
Cape Prince of Wales,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Nylin:

Will you pardon me for my delay in replying to your letter under date of February 3rd, in which you apprise me of the action of the Village Council and others in regard to the regrettable moral slump of Arthur Nagazaruk? I think the Council did right in expelling him, and also the church. I hope, however, that Arthur will come to true repentance and learn to live a good life.

I had some correspondence with some one in regard to your looking after our property and the work of our church at Wales until we get a missionary, who is also a physician. I think you wrote to me that you were willing to do this. I wrote to Mr. Lopp about it, but he has not yet replied. He has always been so generous and ready to cooperate that I have no doubt he will acquiesce in this also. In regard to your compensation, I have no idea what the service would be worth. I should like to have your mind in the matter and assure you that our Board, despite its limited means, will do what is right. I ought to say that all of the Boards of our Church are being consolidated now, and we are just in the process of reorganization and consolidation, which complicates the promptness with which we usually try to transact our business.

Every once in a while I am asked by a Sunday school for the name of a native with whom it could correspond in regard to help for the mission there and also for the purpose of getting fresh information, etc.

With every good wish for you and Mrs. Nylin in your work for those natives whom I had the pleasure of visiting in the summer of 1919, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

September 10, 1923.

Mr. Erik H. Nylin,
Cape Prince of Wales,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Nylin:

Your letter of August 11 is just here, and in the same mail there came a letter from Dr. Charles A. Thompson of Port Townsend, Wash., who is under consideration for appointment by our Board to Cape Prince of Wales next year. Dr. Thompson is a physician and will be able to take care of the health work as well as the religious work in Cape Prince of Wales very well. He is not yet appointed and will not be until next summer, if at all. I am enclosing you a copy of his letter in order that you may see what he says in regard to a herd of reindeer belonging to the mission at Cape Prince of Wales. This is the first I have ever heard of such a herd. Three years ago we took over this mission from the Congregational Church which established it in 1895. Nothing was said at the time of there being a herd of reindeer. I am writing now to ask you if you will investigate the matter in the light of Dr. Thompson's letter and let me know the facts at your early convenience.

In regard to trading the house at the northern end of the village to Sam Kuzooklook for four female and five male deer, the difficulty in making a permanent arrangement of this kind is that the property does not yet belong to our Board but still rests with the Congregational Board. I will, however, take the matter up with them and I have no doubt it can be adjusted. In the meantime I want to approve your permission given to Sam to use the house all this winter. I think it would be well also for you to exercise some supervision over the reindeer he offers to trade for the property until such a time as we can adjust its ownership here.

Permit me to thank you for your interest in this matter. Wales is so far away that we must necessarily leave many things to the person in charge on the ground. I hope you will keep us informed as fully as you can about how things are going. It is my hope also either to go to Cape Prince of Wales next summer or to have someone representing our Board make the trip.

Very sincerely yours

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Cape Prince of Wales,
Nov. 5 - 1923.Dr. John N. Marguis,
156 - 5th St. N.,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marguis, -

Your kind letter of Aug. 16 received in last mail. - Since writing you last - in the spring of the year - we feel we have made great strides with the natives of Wales. One merely gets acquainted over the first year among them - for the Eskimo is very reticent indeed.

You speak of Arthur in your letter. Arthur deeply regrets his downward step, and wants to be given another chance. Poor lad - his weakness is a deplorable one. The church officials at a recent meeting, decided to invite Arthur, who now is in Nome on business, to come to church. He never comes, nor allow his wife and children to come. His wife always avails herself of the opportunity to come to church when Arthur is absent from the village. There is a great deal of jealousy among the natives here, and Arthur

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has his enemies who strive to keep him down. To show you that Arthur has in part redeemed himself among his people, he was given the majority, and elected Mayor of Ika, a few days ago. We are conducting the church services regularly every Sunday. Mrs. Nylin has a choir of 30 voices well in hand, whom she trains every Friday. As only two individuals in the village can read music - it is downright hard work to teach them part singing - especially tenors, basses and contraltos. Last Sunday morning the anthem was rendered by a double quartette - and very creditably rendered. And how the natives love to sing - they are actually hungry for music. When we came here, in conversation with Arthur we asked him what the Eskimos most needed to be taught - and he answered - "Music and the making of bread!" Mrs. Nylin has a cooking and sewing class - picture of which I am enclosing. Especially at the morning

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Sabbath service the village populace turns out en masse: men, babies and all. - We have worked hard to establish this feeling of harmony among the people. Chaos had the upper hand when we first arrived.

Mrs. Tylin is very busy preparing for Xmas. just now. Each child gets a garment from Santa's pack - all made in the school room. Also a Christmas concert given by the school children, whom Mrs. Tylin trains.

Referring again to your letter - re - "In regard to your compensation - I should like to have your mind in the matter. - etc - " You mention that you have had correspondence with Mr. Ross regarding our church work here. Mr. Ross visited us when "S.S. Royce" dropped anchor here on Dec. 8 - and again on Dec. 19. Mr. Ross can give you first hand information regarding our work in the church and Christian work among the people. - Supposing we leave the matter of compensation with you and Mr. Ross to decide!

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Could you give Mrs. Tylin information regarding an organization of mothers - "Mothers' Club"; I believe it is called. And would it be possible to organize one here? Last year, when we first came, Mrs. Tylin attended two cases of obstetrics at which only two sugar sacks each were provided to receive the expected babe! Mrs. Tylin says there is such a crying need for material with which to make baby clothes - even the most modest of layette.

Have I your permission to paint the church next spring? If so I shall use government supply of paint on hand - and you replace that during the summer. The church is greatly in need of this - also the residence - to preserve them against the weather. I feel sure Mr. Ross would consent to use of paint - I shall write him in this mail.

Yours very truly,

E. D. Tylin

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Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska,
Nov. 18 —, 1923,

Dr. Marquis,

General Sec. Res. Missions.
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis, —

Received your letter of Sept. 10 to-day, on first overland mail. — In regard to Dr. Charles A. Thompson, whom you have under consideration for Cape Prince of Wales next year. Could it be possible he is the Dr. Charles A. Thompson who was stationed here in 1913-14? I am enclosing letter from Superintendent Shields to Dr. Charles A. Thompson, which speaks for itself. Other data on file in office here does not leave a good impression of Dr. C. A. Thompson. I am more than surprised that he would have nerve to ask for re-appointment here — since he has an illegitimate child here in Wales, — a half-breed — a boy now in school, 10 years of age — and whose Eskimo mother named him Charles, after his father, Dr. C. A. Thompson, so the natives of Wales say.

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The records here do not show how many years Dr. C. A. Thompson was here, prior to 1914.

As I am leaving for reindeer camp 60 miles distant, in a few hours, and must now round up the 15 Eskimo men who will accompany me, I have not time now to go into detail regarding reindeer, of which you speak. The Mission here was transferred back to Government from whence they came, some few years ago.

I shall write you at greater length in December mail.

Mrs. Nylin and I are quite willing to do all we can in Mission work here, until such time as you find a suitable pastor and physician for Nales. We expect to remain at Nales indefinitely at the pleasure of the Bureau of Education. Mrs. Nylin is a thoroughly competent nurse, having hospital training, and a large private practice in nursing both in New York City and on Western Coast. While in Seattle, Mrs. Nylin was head

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nurse in a large sanitarium here.

Kindly return copy of letter to Dr. C. A. Thompson
to this office, to replace in file.

Very respectfully yours -
Erik H. Thulin.

copy

Nome, Alaska. March 31, 1916

Dr. Chas. A. Thompson,
Center, Wash .

Dear Sir :

Your letter of Feb. 10th. reached Nome a day after I returned from my northern trip. I am glad to hear that the outside has agreed with both yourself and Mrs. Thompson.

You may have heard of our Reindeer Fair at Igloo which was a great success in every way. I only regret that the Wales people, on account of incessant storms were unable to start from the cape, although their sleds were loaded and they were all ready.

I note your request for a school for next year on the mainland or one of the islands. I suppose you wish me to recommend your appointment to Mr. Lopp. In reply I will have to say that on account of various complications that still exist between yourself and various natives, and on account of the fact that I believe your personality is unfitted to work among Eskimos, I am unable to convince myself that it is proper for me to recommend you to Mr. Lopp for work in this district. I do not intend to go into details now, or in the future, but shall adhere to this decision as regards your future relation to work in the

district under my personal supervision. It may be you are fitted for work among some other people but I certainly do not think you are adapted to work in an Eskimo community. My personal responsibility in a recommendation for appointment is such that this reason alone is enough to compel me to withhold such a recommendation.

With regards to Mrs. Thompson and yourself
and wishing you success,

Very truly yours,

Superintendent, H.W. District.

Through

Mr. W. T. Lepp,

Chief of the Alaska Division.